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Applicants: Masahide Yamaki, et al.

Examiner: John P. Leubecker

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For: LIGHT SOURCE APPARATUS
FOR PROVIDING ILLUMINATING
LIGHT TO AN ENDSCOPE, AND AN
ENDSCOPE SYSTEM

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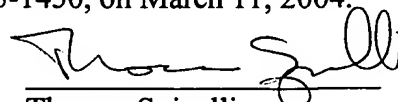
Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 11, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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